

Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting of September 2, 2014

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair; Patricia Elsbach, Catherine Miller, Kathy Orlando, Gay Tucker, Jeffrey Waingrow

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Re-organization: On a motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow/Miller) it was voted to re-elect Dennis Sears, Chair and Michael King, Vice-Chair (5-0-0). On a motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow/Tucker) it was voted to re-elect Catherine Miller, Clerk and Patricia Elsbach, Treasurer (5-0-0).

Minutes: On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of June 25, 2014 as presented (5-0-0).

Form B Update: Gay Tucker and Patricia Elsbach presented an update of the work to date on establishing a process for updating the existing Form B's. Beth Anstett of Sheffield, a work study student from BCC will work a total of 72 hours during the September – December time frame. The hours will be from 8:30 – 12:30 for research at the Mark Dewey Research Center and 1:30-3:30 for field work. Gay has developed the protocols and hopes that some community members will be interested in doing their own homes.

Kathy Orlando joined the meeting at 5:48.

There will be two workshops tentatively scheduled, Form B's on October 29 and photography on November 19. They will be held at the Library at 7:00 pm, pending approval by the librarian. The hope is to interest, engage and recruit others.

It was noted that one way to overcome resistance to having one's property photographer, etc. would be for the person making the request to be acquainted with the homeowner. Gay indicated that a spread sheet would be sent to Commission members as identified properties are put on a list. Commission members can weigh in as to who might be the best person to approach the property owner after the initial letter is sent.

Publicity/Outreach: In addition to the workshops noted above, Gay Tucker will draft a press release for the "Berkshire Record" and possibly the "Berkshire Eagle" which she will have the Commission vet. An article will also be prepared for the November-December "Sheffield Times".

Next Meeting: The meeting will be held October 14, 2014 R 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm (6-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine B. Miller